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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Nations Children`s Fund (UNICEF) report `State of the world`s Children-2005` has concluded that 33 million children in various States of India are stiil deprived of Primary education;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether according to United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation`s (UNESCO`s) finding the targeted achievements underthe Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan would take a very long time for universaiisation of Primary education in India;

(d) if so, the facts thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI):

(a) and (b) States/Union Territories have reported an estimated 81 lakhs children out of school in the 6-14 age group in September, 2004.

(c) to (e) UNESCO`s EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005 measures progress of countries on an Education for all Development Index (EDI) which includes several parameters other than Universaiisation of Primary Education. In 2002-03, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in India was 95.39 at the primary level.The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme of Government of India has been launched with the aim to achieve universal primary education by 2007 and elementary education by 2010.